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Re: Attorney Docket No. Basavanhally 32-9-4

In re application of: Nagesh R. Basavanhally, David A. Ramsey, and Hong Tang

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For: Coupler Assembly for an Optical Backplane System

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS.**

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

BD		<p>“Novel Optical Backplane Board-To-Board Interconnection” by M. Rode et al., 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Integrated Optics and Optical Fibre Communications/ 23<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Optical Communications, Vol. 3, No. 448, September 1997, pp. 228-231.</p>

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